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## New York Letter

by Lucy Jeannie Price



New York. — New York's civilian police force, consisting of 5,000 members of the volunteer reserves called upon when many of the bluecoats were summoned to the colors during the war, began this week to respond to another emergency call to answer the summons of Commissioner Enright to fight the crime wave. Additional preparations on the part of the police against this recent attack of crime include the furnishing of wireless receiving and broadcasting apparatus to the automobile while will be used to scour the city in search of thieves.

It was a fatal moment for Kenneth D. Harlan when he failed to be included in the filming of a picture. It was the beginning of a breakup in his home which threatens to be permanent. Mrs. Harlan charges that her husband spent two days at Atlantic City when she supposed him to be on a yacht with a motion picture company, making marine scenes for a motion picture. Then she saw the completed picture. There was nary a marine scene anywhere about it. Her husband rose to the occasion by explaining, despite his professional pride, that the scenes he had helped to make had been eliminated from the finished film. But her suspicious were aroused and inquiries led to the Atlantic City discovery. If one goes in for deception, it should be based upon something less tangible and visible than a picture.

New Yorkers are already getting ready for the summer migration to Newport. May tenth will be the official opening of the season there, because on that date the dowager Mrs. Vanderbilt, head of the wealthy and socially powerful clan, will take possession of the Breakers, her magnificent estate far out on the cliffs. The mammoth villa will take on extra importance this year because it will be the summer embassy of a foreign nation. For Gladys Vanderbilt, now the Countess Leszce Szechenyi, will spend the summer there with her husband, who is the Hungarian representative at Washington. Mrs. Vanderbilt has enjoyed tremendously assisting her daughter in her social and diplomatic duties, and the Breakers will undoubtedly be a place of much and elaborate entertaining this season.

Here in this city, we have a foreign stock population — people who were

born in a foreign country or whose parents were — as large as the whole population of Chicago, Detroit and Boston. The Russian population is larger than the population of Warsaw and there are 100,000 more Italians here than in Naples.

Charlotte Greenwood is undoubtedly one of the true funnies women on the stage. Like Ed Wynn, it doesn't make much difference what she says or what she sings, it's funny. In "Potty Pepper," her new play with music at the Vanderbilt Theater, she has good lines and good songs, too, so we can enjoy her to the utmost. The production is Rose Stahl's "Maggie Pepper," made into a musical show.

Justice Boyle of our Children's Court is my candidate for any office in the land that he ever may wish to hold. He set a precedent the other day when he yielded to the pleading of a homeless boy, eleven years old, that his dog "Rags" be permitted to accompany him to the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, on Long Island. When the boy was told that he would be sent to the mission, he acted worried. The judge asked him if there was anything he wished to say. "Well," whispered Tommy, "I'll be awful lonesome if I can't have 'Rags.' Maybe he'll die. Judge. There ain't nobody to look after him." The court learned from questioning Tommy that "Rags," a mongrel fox terrier, had been Tommy's close friend and companion through more than five years of adventurous childhood. Judge Boyle hesitated a moment and then ordered papers executed committing "Rags" to the mission as well as Tommy.

Robert Browning's first book "Pauline, a Fragment of a Confession," was sold here this week for \$2,400. The book, which was a copy of the rare original issue, was bought by Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach. The entire collection of first editions of nineteenth century English authors brought \$24,573, with the Browning book being the highest priced volume. The first edition of Lord Byron's "Poems on Various Occasions" was sold for \$1,000, the next highest price.

New York. — The human race is undoubtedly as optimistic a crowd as could inhabit any planet. Here are 400 persons who have purchased stock in a new company organized here in this center of sophistication for the manufacture of a perpetual motion machine! The joke of generations, human faith still clings to it and to anyone who tells them it has been done. The machine on exhibition is a more elaborate concoction and one could see how it would impress the would-be investor. The fact that it isn't running is easily explained, too, by the fact that enough money hasn't been raised yet to supply the necessary 2,000

pounds of mercury, which has to be dumped into its insides. The stock buyers are to have their money "multiplied a thousand fold" an dwat better could one wish?

America is going to be well-represented on the other side of the ocean this summer. Not in years, if, indeed, ever, have there been such crowds of us planning to go abroad. More New Yorkers are studying foreign languages than ever before, say the professors, because of the trips they have planned.

"When you kick a stray mongrel into the gutter you may be kicking a fortune away," says Charles Gee. He is well qualified to judge on the matter, for "Brownie" who brings in a big weekly pay envelope from his job as a motion picture star was once a dog of the streets, and Gee took him in out of mercy and an affection for any dog that looked forlorn.

The attempt to introduce the fur anket into New York fashions seems to have failed. In the first place, the Russian boots heat it to popularity, and the Russian boots are too high to allow for any ankle adornment above them. And in the second place, longer skirts have killed the chances of any such ornamentation, ever for those who wear low shoes. It's probably just as well. Monday fur around the sleeves and neck and flounces and the tunic is about enough.

More than \$200,000,000 have been expended by American collectors for art and near art imported from Europe since the war, says Sir Joseph Duveen, art buyer of New York. Something like half this sum has gone into the ancestral coffers of "land rich and money poor" nobility forced by taxes and living expenses to part with almost priceless old masterpieces, he explained. The remainder has been spent for "cheap" specimens, valued at a mere \$50,000 to \$75,000 each. It is a real desire for beautiful works of art, and not a fancy to have something to boast about, according to Sir Joseph.

Whatever prohibition may have done to some lines of business, here comes one group of people who declare it a boon; the beauty doctors. "When men drank they were not so critical of their wives' appearance," explained one of the other day. "Now they are clearheaded and clear-minded all the evening and they notice wrinkle and pallor."

One New York banker, whose affairs have been more or less in the limelight recently, has gone out of town for a month or two. "He took a vacation because he was suffering from influenza," one of his friends explained to a man who was inquiring about him. The other man laughed. "I know that kind of influenza," he said. "It comes from cold feet due to exposure."

Another Winter Garden Show of the true old Winter Garden kind—Eddie Cantor in "Make It Snappy!" Good songs, good dancing, good-looking girls, elaborate costumes and plenty of jokes — some good and some pretty lame. The best song is "Lovable Eyes" which will undoubtedly be one of the things heard everywhere before long, and one of those which you don't mind hearing. Conchita Piquer, the Spanish songstress, is the best figure in the revue.

TOTS STRUCK BY MILK TRUCK ONE SUSTAINS HIP FRACTURE.

Richmond. — Lillian Cox, 7, and Sarah White, 8, were struck by a milk truck driven by George Nolan while they were returning from a meeting of their mission band. The little Cox girl sustained a double fracture of her hip and her companion was bruised.

BELLED BUZZARD RETURNS AFTER TEN YEARS ABSENCE.

Georgetown. — Ten years ago Owen and Roy Hutton of Sadiaville, placed a bell of peculiar tone about the neck of a buzzard. Recently the same buzzard returned to their farm, being easily recognized by the bell.

PRISONERS LEAVE WHILE JAILER IS OUT OF TOWN. Clinton. — While the jailer was on a trip to Mayfield with a prisoner, five inmates of the county jail sawed a bar and made their escape.

Five so-called men have been indicted in New York for grafting on immigrants. These are the things that make the bandit with the gun seem comparatively respectable.—Philadelphia record.

### RADIO CONFERENCE PLANS AIR CONTROL COMMISSION.

Washington, April 20. — Legislation creating a commission of ten to advise the Commerce Department in the control of radio communication will be recommended to Secretary Hoover in a report being prepared by the radio conference.

The commission would consist of five government members and five civilian members.

The report to Mr. Hoover, Dr. S. W. Stratton, Conference Chairman, said today, will embody suggestions for the allocation of wave lengths.

### ASTIGMATISM

Harry "Snub" Pollard for the first time in his life was late recently on his set where everything was staged for his comedy with the working title "Grandpa's Will." Bob Evans, assistant director, found the comedian groaning in his dressing room, head in his hands, the sporting page of the newspaper open.

### MANY JAIL SENTENCES FOR ANTI-PROHIBITIONISTS.

Covington.—Sentences which ranged from fines to terms in the pen were imposed by Judge A. M. J. Cochran on ninety-nine persons. Many jail sentences were inflicted in cases where the charges were violation of the prohibition laws. Judge Cochran said he desired to be reasonable, but that the manufacture and sale of liquor required punishment to eliminate the evil. "The soft drink stand, he said, is being used for the sale of whiskey."

### CENTENARY OF GRANT IS PROCLAIMED BY MORROW.

Frankfort, Ky., April 20. — The centenary of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, Union Commander in the Civil War and President of the United States, which is to be observed April 27, is commemorated by Governor Morrow in a proclamation today, stating that the Grand Army of the Republic and other organizations are planning celebration of the event.

### MAY 4 PROCLAIMED BIRD AND ARBOR DAY IN STATE.

Frankfort, Ky., April 20. — Bird and Arbor Day will be observed in Kentucky this year on May 4, anniversary of the birth of John J. F. Audubon Governor Morrow issued a proclamation, calling attention to the event.

The flying boat is not yet established as the safest means for making an ocean voyage. The floating hotel still has some advantages. — Omaha Bee.

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